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FOR SCHNEIDER FROM KUX, NEA/INS

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SUBJECT: AID FUNDED FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS IN INDIA

REF: (A) STATE 284477, (B) STATE 276239; (C) STATE 272890;
(D) NEW DELHI 16960

1. I ASSUME THAT REF D IS ONLY A PARTIAL RESPONSE TO THE STATE REFTELS WHICH PRESENTED A LENGTHY DETAILED AND TECHNICAL INVENTORY OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS OF AID-FINANCED FAMILY PLANNING AND POPULATION PROGRAMS IN INDIA. REF B TOUCHED ON THE QUESTION OF THE INCREASINGLY COMPULSORY NATURE OF INDIA'S STERILIZATION PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZED THAT AID IS PROHIBITED FROM SUPPORTING ANY FAMILY PLANNING EFFORT THAT IN ANY RPT ANY WAY CAN BE CONSTRUED AS "COMPULSORY". THAT MESSAGE NOTED THAT THE GENERAL ISSUE OF COMPULSORY STERILIZATION IN INDIA AND ELSEWHERE WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN SEPTTEL.

2. I HAVE ASKED AID TO DEFER THE PREPARATION OF THAT
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MESSAGE PENDING RECEIPT OF YOUR REACTION TO THE REFERENCED

PACKAGE OF CABLES. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MESSAGE IT
WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE A SINGLE COMPREHENSIVE EMBASSY
CABLE COMMENTING ON THE STERILIZATION AND NON-STERILIZATION
COMPONENTS OF U.S. PROGRAMS AND ASSESSING THEIR DEGREE OF

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN INDIA'S MOVEMENT TO-
WARD NON-VOLUNTARY STERILIZATION.

3. FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT (WHICH OBVIOUSLY MAY BE IN-
ACCURATE), I FRANKLY DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN SEPARATE
VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY CHARACTER OF INDIA'S STERILIZA-
TION PROGRAM. CAN YOU? ROBINSON

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